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JGFDS-PR-251 FUNDS SUPPORTING LOCAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LISHA SMITH AT (909) 387-4565

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SUPERVISOR SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

SAN BERNARDINO – Once again San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales is allocating \$10,000 to provide mini-grants for local after school programs operating in the 5th District.

For a fifth straight year Supervisor Gonzales is assisting non-profits that need funds to purchase equipment and supplies for local programs that offer homework assistance, art and physical fitness activities for school-aged children.

"The mini-grants are worthwhile economic investments to help fill educational gaps," said Supervisor Gonzales. "Local non-profits operate on shoe-string budgets to provide well-structured programs and activities that help students perform better in school while teaching social skills that they may become well-rounded, aspiring individuals."

Interested organizations must submit their completed applications by 5:00 PM, Friday, January 7, 2011. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 to purchase books, pencils, computers, educational software and games, physical activity equipment, and other supplies that help sustain their work plan.

Applying non-profit organizations must be in good standing with the Secretary of State, as well as operate and serve students living in the 5th District, specifically children living in the district's unincorporated areas.

The application form is posted on the Supervisor's website at **www.sbcounty.gov/gonzales.** For more information on the After School Program Mini-Grant Awards call (909) 387-4565.

The Fifth District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy, North Norton, El Rancho Verde, and Arrowhead Suburban Farms, the City of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and the eastern portion of the City of Fontana.